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TO: Secretary of State

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Re paragraph 2 Department telegram 11 to Khorramshahr repeated Tehran 1295: Our understanding Basra regulations and past practices remains as reported CONTEL 16 to Department (94 to Tehran) and 20 (104 to Tehran). Pilotage compulsory for all seagoing vessels and no exception authorized by regulations for ships of less than 500 tons. Basra port authority tacit exemption small Iranian ships apparently seized upon by Iran Government in attempt prove Iraqis now attempting change rules of road in requiring pilots for PANAM LSMs. Fact is Iraqis insistance Basra pilots for PANAM ships entirely consistent with treaty provisions and Basra port regulations nearly as we can determine.

Flying both flags is new trick not employed in past since it did not become necessary until issuance recent Khorramshahr port directive. Use both flags now becoming SOP with neither side objecting.

No Iranian army movements reported. Re IIN: Largest ship frigate BABR, sailed 31st for Karachi and maneuvers with HAK navy. Oiler HORMUZ sailed today earlier same destination. Remaining Khorramshahr 4 US built PCs, 2 LSILs, two ex-British motor patrol boats, usual detachment something less than 2000 marines. 10 ex-Italian patrol boats at Khosrowabad.

Unable observe Iraqi movements behind palm belt and strict Iraqi border patrol precludes information from legit travelers and smugglers.

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